

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 4, 2016 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline

Shilling called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shilling moved, Barton seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, February 4, 2016 Shilling declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(LPNI = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (RNI=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Shilling moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI151000 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Discharge Process).

RNI150305 – Close the case with no action.

RNI151092 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a hearing or voluntary surrender/indefinite suspension. May petition for lifting with 24 months of continuous documented sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI151098 – Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose.

RNI151101 – Refer for an Investigative Interview. Request that the licensee bring documentation regarding criminal activity that led to the denial of the application in California.

LPNI150490 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI140284 - Refer to the Attorney General’s office for a hearing or summary suspension. Must have 12 months of documented sobriety to lift suspension.

RNI130178 – Deny the reinstatement. May apply after completion of the criminal probation.

RNI120034 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or summary suspension. Must have 12 months of documented sobriety to lift suspension.

RNI120447 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition for lifting with 12 months documented sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160538 – Refer for an investigative interview.

RNI160584 – Proceed with licensure by examination.

RNI111008 – Deny the request.

RNI150603 – Refer to Investigations for additional documentation.

LPNI150449 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift after successful completion of partial hospitalization program, wean off suboxone and documentation from treatment provider regarding ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

LPNI150050 – Refer to Legal Services for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160575 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Dealing with Difficult Patients.

RNI160252/RNI160511 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or summary suspension. Must have 12 months of documented sobriety to lift suspension. Must have an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160382 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Ethics and Professionalism.

RNI150109 – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160122 – Refer to Legal Services for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

LPNI160214 – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Ethics, Dealing with Difficult Patients and Professional Accountability.

RNI160620 – Proceed with licensure by Endorsement.

RNI160445 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition for lifting with 12 months documented sobriety and completion of an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160137 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Action in Another Jurisdiction).

RNI070486 – Close with a Letter of Concern (Compliance). Barton abstaining.

LPNI140147 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a hearing or summary suspension. Must have 12 months of documented sobriety to lift suspension. Must have an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160084 – Refer to the Attorney General's office for a private consent order to include a fine of \$500 for unprofessional conduct, courses in APRN Prescribing, Review of Scope of Practice.

RNI160635 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI151115 – Refer to full board for review

RNI160397 – Rescind previous motion

Barton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**